

## CHAPTER 583—S.F.No.648

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*An act relating to public employees; observance of religious holidays.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. [15A.22] **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS.** Any employee of the state, its political subdivisions, or a municipality therein who observes a religious holiday on days which do not fall on a Sunday or a legal holiday, shall be entitled to such days off from his employment for such observance. Such days off shall be taken off without pay except where the employee has accumulated annual leave, and in that case such days shall be charged against the accumulated annual leave of the employee or unless the employee is able to work an equivalent number of days at some other time during the fiscal year to compensate for the days lost.

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 CHAPTER 584—S.F.No.695

*An act relating to public welfare; assistance for programs and centers for mentally retarded; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Sections 252.23 and 252.24, Subdivision 4.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 252.23, is amended to read:

**252.23 PUBLIC WELFARE; MENTALLY RETARDED; PROGRAMS AND CENTERS; ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.** An applicant shall satisfy all of the following requirements to be eligible for assistance under sections 252.21 to 252.26:

(1) Provide daytime activities for any or all of the following classes of persons:

~~School age~~ Mentally retarded children who are neither educable or trainable can benefit from the program of services, including those school age children who have been excused or excluded from school ;

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Mentally retarded children and adults who are unable to attend school because of their chronological age and are unable to independently engage in ordinary community activities;

(2) Provide counselling services to parents or guardians of mentally retarded persons who may register at the center;

(3) Comply with all rules and regulations duly promulgated by the commissioner of public welfare.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 252.24, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **LIMITATION ON GRANTS; FEES.** No grants of assistance to any center shall exceed 50 percent of all its expenditures for (a) salaries, (b) contract facilities and services, (c) operation, maintenance and service costs, (d) rent of an appropriate facility, ~~(d)~~ (e) mortgage or other financial costs specifically approved and authorized by the commissioner of public welfare, ~~(e)~~ (f) other expenditures specifically approved and authorized by the commissioner of public welfare.

Where any county served by a program hereunder has an assessed valuation of real and personal property of less than \$13,000,000 and the required total mill levy for all costs, including administrative costs, for all forms of public assistance exceeds by 50 percent or more the average required mill levy for such costs in all counties of the state, and the levy is insufficient to pay the county's share of such costs, grants hereunder, attributable to such county's proportionate share of the total expenditures based on the ratio of such county's population to the total population of the area served by the program, may exceed 50 percent of the total expenditures but shall not exceed 75 percent of the total expenditure for the daytime activity center program of such county. The board of directors of an activity center may, with the approval of the commissioner, charge a reasonable attendance fee, based on the ability of the mentally retarded person, his guardian or family to pay such a fee, provided that no mentally retarded person shall be denied participation in the activities of such a center because of an inability to pay such a fee.

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